cks and inspections (engineering jobs) so as to reduce the expenditure on engineering jobs and increase the availability of the aircrifi for revenue purposes.

—Increase utilization of airciaf:.

— System automation leading to improvement in wort procedures and service*.

Number of plt.nes in the fleet of Indian Airline*

828. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of planes in the fleet of the Indian Airlines and what is the number of planes flying presently;

(b) the average number of pa-sengers daily flown by the airline during the years 1991 and 1992 and the estimate for the year 1993; and

(c) whether there is adequate num ber of pilots and engineers to operate the fleet?

7HE MINISTER OF CIVll. AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines has a fleet of 53 aircraft of which 39 are available for scheduled operations.

(b) The average number of passen gers flown daily by Indian Airlines dur ing 1991-92 was 24,344 and the projec tions for 1992-93 and 1993-94 are 21,490 and 27,010 respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Wrong landtag by a Ruffian pilot flying I. A. aircraft

829. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government', attention has been drawn to report published in the Statesman of 10th January, 1993 under the caption "Three Warnings that 1A ignored";

(b) if so. what are the details in this regard:

(e) whether it is a. fact that on the 6th January. 1993 a Russian pilot on the Delhi-Madras Indian Airlines flight took. wrong tera and nearly made a landing ax an Indian Airforce air field; and

(d) it su. what are he details in this

THE MINISTER Oh CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The main thrust of the news item is on the safety of the aricraft. Following the accident on 9-1-93 of TU-154 aircraft at Delhi, an expert Group had been constituted to make a fresh appraisal of the remaining TU-154 aircraft leased by Indian Airlines. The Group on the basis of available information concluded that there was no indication to doubt the safety of this type of aircraft.

(c) and (d) On 6-1-93, the TU-154 aircraft had at no time made an approach to the Tambaram runway. The aircraft had only taken a longer turn while proceeding for ILS approach to Meenambakkam airport.

Instrument landing aystem at Airports

830. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN;

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to provide Instrument Landing System at Delhi and other airports in the country;

(b) if so, since when this proposal has been under Government's consideration and what are the details thereof; and